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I know that many of you are concerned about the effects of the federal government shutdown. Assuming the shutdown is short term, we will be able to continue operations as usual at this point. Here are some points to keep in mind: •Our FY 2013 funds remain available to pay September claims which are processed mid-October. •Once an appropriation is enacted USDA expects resources to be available to reimburse October performance, therefore there is no need to stop serving program meals, snacks, etc. •The Bureau of Nutrition and Health services has carryover administration funding so we will continue working as scheduled to assist you. •The next cycle of USDA Foods deliveries starting October 9th for NSLP are in stock and will continue as scheduled. If the shutdown should continue several weeks to a month we will update you on any change in status. Ann Feilmann, Chief Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services Iowa Department of Education Grimes State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa 50319 office: 515-281-4757 cell: 515-681-2307 fax: 515-242-5988 ann.feilmann@iowa.gov www.educateiowa.gov